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U.S. Patent and Trademark Office
Attn: Security Group, Licensing Review
Crystal Park 1, Room 401
Washington D.C. 20231

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Dear Sir:

This is to notify you, on behalf of the head of the agency who caused the secrecy order to be issued on the below identified patent application, that an affirmative determination has been made, on behalf of the Secretary of the Navy, that the national interest requires that the following invention continue to be kept secret and that the grant of a patent continue to be withheld:

U.S. patent application serial number: 07/926199

Filed: 7 AUG 1992

Inventor: PAUL M. DUNN

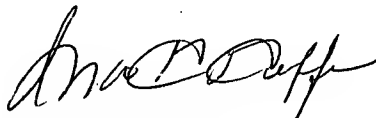
Title: SEMI-CLOSED CYCLE BRAYTON POWER SYS. W/DIRECT HEAT TRANSFER

Prosecuted by: (X) GOVT. () CONTRACTOR () UNKNOWN PARTY

Navy case number: 73,348

The current secrecy order expiration date is: 13 FEB 2003. Accordingly, the Secretary of the Navy recommends that the secrecy order be renewed.

Sincerely,



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By direction of
Chief of Naval Research